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What Has Been

As proof positive of the value of the Home Economics Summer Schools, let us give you below the average daily attendance at the five schools already held:

At Farmington the daily average was 81.

At Doe Run the daily average was 70.

Bismarck the daily average was 68.

Copeland the daily average was 21.

At Unity the daily average was 30.

In each case there was a social event given to defray expenses of the school and in every instance more than enough money was raised to do this. In some cases a tiny little sum was left in the treasury of the Home Economics Club of that district after all expenses had been paid. What better proof do you need of the value of these schools?

Wheat

The Unity District Bureau will hold its next regular meeting at Unity School House Friday, August 28th. The subject for discussion will be "Wheat."

Mr. F. H. Best will talk on the "Preparation of the Seedbed." Mr. Will Ashburn on "Selection, handling and treatment of seed wheat." A. W. Terrill will have something to say about Fertilizers for wheat and the seedling of grain.

Everybody is invited to meet with the Unity district farmers on this occasion.

The Silo

Have you noticed how many silos are going up in spite of the dry year? These are going to mean money in the pockets of their owners this year of all years. Even if there isn't enough corn to fill the silo full, the farmer will save what little he has and the silo will stand there already constructed, and as good as ever, to receive the next year's crop. And think about it! Next fall when you are rushed your silo will already be built and your corn can go in just when it is ready without delay.

Did you ever hear what the silo's creed is? No. Well this is it according to Theda Sherlock:

"I guard the nation's wealth. Poverty and worn out soils and mortgages are not found where I work."

"I have saved enough money, for those who have employed me, to build two Panama canals."

"I solve the summer pasture problem."

"I have made automobiles popular on the farm."

"I know no master, I cannot be monopolized or organized into a trust. I belong to the people. They are my trust."

This means:

12 months of green feed.

A milk check every month.

Insurance against drought, hail and snow.

The difference between success and failure.

And to sum it up, means Dollars to you.

THE FARMER WILL PROFIT

No doubt every member of the Missouri Ruralist family has read enough about "the crime of the century" to form an opinion as to the merits or demerits of the great European conflict. Personally we believe that when the facts are made public it will be found that Kaiser Bill had more grounds for action than the apparent pretext which brought on this terrible war. If he didn't Germany deserves all that it seems reasonably sure of getting before peace is declared again. And the great body of German-Americans, loyal as they may be to the fatherland, will not condone or aid a man who commits a crime against humanity if it be proved he is actuated solely by a desire for German wealth and power. There is bound to be a day for accounting, and that soon.

Much as we deplore the history-making struggle across the water it seems bound to redound to the financial benefit of the American farmer. Wise was the man who listened to the advice of the farm paper and held his wheat. Already prices are soaring skyward and some predictions are made that this staple cereal will reach the high mark of \$2 a bushel before another crop is harvested. While this is probably too high an estimate dollar wheat seems an assured fact even if the war be of short duration. It will pay Missouri farmers to watch the situation closely and to sow more wheat this fall if there are no signs of an early cessation of hostilities. Men must have bread and if insect ravages can be prevented wheat may be a wonderfully profitable Missouri crop in 1915. If possible every field should be burned over to kill the Hessian fly and planting should be delayed so that the first sharp freeze may get in its work.

Although the Missouri corn crop will be short again it is more than probable corn growers will realize more from their crop this year than for many years past. We should not be surprised to see corn start at close to a dollar a bushel when gathering time comes and meat will be a correspondingly high figure so there will be big money in feeding. Probably many of us will forget what a pork chop or a steak tastes like before we can afford to buy again, but there are always some who have the price and it will be a long time before supply equals demand. A number of persons who have asked us if the increased cost of things the farmer must buy will not offset the higher prices for his products. We do not think so. If the war should be continued for several years it probably would but from present indications the farmer is sure to profit. We do not believe the war will continue many months, and when peace is declared again inflated prices will tumble. But food prices are not inflated and the world looks to Uncle Sam for meat and bread.—Missouri Ruralist.

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FIGHTING THE HESSIAN FLY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—That the Hessian fly will do serious damage to wheat this fall is not the least problematical. Investigations by experts of the Bureau of Entomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, together with unlimited correspondence, and press reports, indicate that the pest is generally distributed over several states, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas, sections of which have suffered immense loss from its ravages to wheat during the season just closed.

Number of Generations

There are two generations, each year over the district outlined above and the recommendations given herein are applicable to the entire district. The first generation occurs in the early spring, at the time the new wheat leaves are putting forth. This is the one that did so much damage to the wheat last spring and the "flaxseed" produced by this generation are in the wheat stubble at this time. The second generation is the one produced by the "flaxseed" which are in the stubble. It occurs on the fall wheat and often kills out 75 to 100 per cent of the plants. The farmer must destroy the "flaxseed" in the stubble before the wheat is planted.

Remedies

Disc the stubble as soon as possible after the wheat is removed; follow disc with a big fire; follow the fire with the plow, and plow deep; follow the plow with a harrow or heavy roller. If you do not wish to burn the stubble then follow the disc with the plow, being careful to cover all the stubble and weeds. Prepare a good seed bed and be careful to select the strongest seed, choosing a variety having a stout straw.

The most important step to take is to select carefully the time for the sowing of your wheat this fall. From a long line of experiments we have learned that wheat sown after certain dates is practically free from infestation. The date for sowing wheat to evade the Hessian fly is also the date to sow for the best yield.

Suitable dates for sowing wheat are as follows:

Sow wheat after September 26, north of 41st parallel.

Sow wheat after October 1st, north of 40th parallel.

Sow wheat after October 4th, north of 39th parallel.

Sow wheat after October 10th, north of 38th parallel.

Sow wheat after October 25th, north of 36th parallel.

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TOLSTOY PREDICTED THE PRESENT CONFLICT IN 1910

In January, 1913, the Countess Natalia Tolstoy sent to the American press the following letter:

"I have the honor to hand you my interview with the late Count Leo Tolstoy, had with him some months before his death. I authorize you to make use of it for the first time, the original copy having been presented to his majesty, the czar. Hoping you will be interested to learn about the prophecies of the greatest genius of the age, I am respectfully yours,
"N. TOLSTOY."

She then described the manner in which she obtained the interview. In the autumn of 1910 the czarina had visited the countess to visit her at her summer place at Peterhof. She was summoned into the presence of the czar, who explained that he had a confidential mission he wished her to undertake for him. He said that the German Kaiser and the King of England had expressed a wish for a direct message from the old Count Leo Nicolaevich Tolstoy. Being on unfriendly terms with the Count and knowing that the countess was a relative (a grandniece), he asked her to assist him.

"Tell him," he said, "that if he will in a friendly way send a message through you to me I will send it to the King of England and the Kaiser of Germany. It must be something that he has not published before and that he will never publish himself."

A week later, being a guest at her uncle's, she delivered the czar's message, and the following is the conversation given in her own words as it took place between them.

"Very strange," said Tolstoy, "I would be glad to send a message to royalty, but the trouble with me is that I have written all my life messages for the mob. I am not accustomed to the conventions of court dictation. However I will think the matter over."

"Leo Nicolaevich, don't you have any visions of a political nature, or any prophecies on a large international scale?" I asked.

"A good idea," he exclaimed. "I have had some really strange experiences which I could not publish as fiction. There is something that has haunted me for the past two years. I don't know how to explain the nature of it to you."

"I cannot call it a dream, because I have seen it often while I have been sitting at my writing table. On other occasions it has appeared to me at twilight, before my dinner hour. I am not a believer in ghosts, nor in the spiritualistic explanations of phenomena; but I admit that I cannot account for this mysterious affair."

"Is it a vision?" I interrupted.

"Something of that order, but very clear. So clear that I could draw a distinct picture of all that transpires. Furthermore I can call up the vision at will. I am almost sure I could do it while you are here. The only difficulty is that I am not able to write anything during the time of the manifestation. My hands are absolutely paralyzed."

"I shall be happy to write down what you dictate," I urged.

"Very good! That settles the matter," he replied. "Here on the table are paper and pencil. Or use a pen—whatever you want."

In a few minutes I was waiting for the great moment, pencil and paper in hand. My aged host leaned back in his chair, covered his eyes with his hands and relapsed into an apparently comatose condition. For ten minutes he remained absolutely motionless. Then, straightening up, like one in a trance, he began in a low and hollow voice.

"This is a revelation of events of a universal character which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super-Venus."

"Nations rush madly after her, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair ornaments of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: 'Commercialism.' As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction and agony follows in her wake. Her breath, reeking of sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations that fall victims to her charms."

"And behold she has three gigantic arms and three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war, that the beautiful courtesan carries from city to city and country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry."

"The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It carries

the lamps only in temples and on the altars of sacred institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in erasies and follows them to their graves."

"The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its fatal work in the family, then sweeps through the larger worlds of literature, art and statesmanship."

"The great conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of south-eastern Europe. It will result in a destructive calamity in 1913."

"In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the north—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama."

"He is a man of little military training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain till 1915. The end of the great calamity will mark a new political era for the Old World."

"There will be left no empires and kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great giants—the Anglo Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians."

The Countess closes her communication by saying:

"The late author reformer finished, opened his eyes and looked at me slightly confused."

"Had I gone to sleep?" he asked me. "I beg your pardon."

"When I read this vision told to him he listened gravely and nodded, saying that it was correct. Upon my request he signed the document and handed it to me and immediately upon my arrival informed the Czar of my readiness to see him."

"I was received at the court in an informal way and led into the Czar's private study. I handed him the paper. He opened it nervously and read with pronounced agitation."

"Well, it's very interesting. I will make a copy for myself and then forward other copies with a translation to the Kaiser of Germany and through him to the King of England."

"The original shall be kept in my private archives. I shall ask the Kaiser and the King not to make any comments on the matter, as I do not like to figure as an intermediary between them and the old man whose seditious writings I do not like, generally."

"It is because I have heard that one of the royal principals is going to include the secret message in his private memoirs that I take this opportunity of publishing the whole truth about it and how I received the unusual document. The Czar has told me repeatedly that the Kaiser of Germany thinks that it is one of the most impressive prophecies of this age.—New York Sun."

NOT SO STRANGE AFTER ALL

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Following is a list with post-office address of each member:

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